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KELLY AND THOMAS BOUT WILL BE ONE WORTH WATCHING

Both Men Have Championship Aspirations, and Stanley Ketchel Is Only Man in Their Way at Present.



T won't be any rdinary occasion when Joe Thomas and Hugo Kelly meet _ the Fairmont Thursday night. These are rea class. Champion Ketchel is the only man who has been able to take their numbers. They have both made many good fights among the champions and near-champions.

dieweights, will be near the light heavyweight class this time. And unless all the signs fail they'll put up the best heavyweight argument seen around this camp for some time.

Joe Thomas is an interesting fel-

dover in a smooth, easy way. For a long time on the Coast they thought Themas invincible. But he had the usual near-champion's luck. A better man showed up and defeated him when he least expected a reverse. This was Ketchel. However, as Ketchel has done the same to all others, this doesn't argue against Thomas's ability in the fighting line.

well built and able to hit. Kelly came here in good shape, and has just been rounding to at Brown's Gymnasium. Thomas, for two solid months,

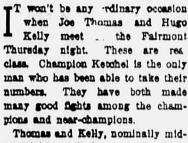
has been working hard up in Stratford, at Capt. Bend's. He has taken off a lot of superfluous weight, and looks fit and fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through is guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through its guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through its guarantee enough of his local fine. The hard work he has gone through the hard work he had through the h through is guarantee enough of his intentions. Oh, yes. It'll be a scrap.

IMMY JOHNSON tells some stories about Driscoll. The little English wonder met Leach Cross at a hammam bath after their fight. Leach stood for a long time looking Driscoll over. "I thought I could beat you," said Cross, "and you're such a little fellow that I can't see now why l didn't do it. I knew how to do it." "You knew how?" asked Driscoll "Then why--"

"Oh, I knew all right," broke in "Johnny Loftus told me. He said I wasn't to fight you too fast or too slow and I'd win."
"How were you to fight me?" asked

there are at present. All the club managers have used excellent judgment in matching up the fighters, and, as a result, there should be plenty of good, fast scrapping witnessed within the fast scrapping witnessed within the per cent. of all my net winnings, so as

To-morrow night Hugo Kelly will meet Joe Thomas at the Fairmont A. C. for ten rounds; on Friday night Battling for ten rounds at the National A. C.; on March 2 "Young Corbett" will tackle Hurle som Mash with Charley Griffin Johnny Marto at the Fairmont A. C.; March 5 Mickey Gannon and "Cyclone" week. Johnny" Thompson battle at the National A. C.; March 9 Frankie Nell will got a chance to fight Terry McGovern, take on Patsey (Boyo) Driscoll at the Fairmont A. C., and March 12 Joe Gans | Chapter XXI, of the Battling Nel- ing



low. The Californian is a big, good natured fellow, always smiling and ant, but always, ready with a wallop when in the ring. He is very

Hugo Kelly is another classy fellow. He is an Italian. He is elever,

KEEN TO LAND THE 1909 PENNANT FLAG Twenty-Seven Men Report to Mc-Graw, Who Sets a Fast Pace

HUBO KELLY.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

in Training.

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 24.-If the plans of McGraw go not awry, the touching of second base will not be a factor in deciding the 1909 pennant. RISCOLL told Jimmy after the With his face blistered by practice winds from the dome of his head to the Attell fight that Abe was losing tip of his nose, the little manager of the Giants is down here working

comes as the one best bet of his native | job as catche Schaefer Looks Good.

speed clutch was thrown wide open on

who hobble about the combotel. Just because a young fellow walking about on a stick or crutch in this town does not necessarily mean that he is afflicted with the rheumatism. It is an even money shot that he is an infielder of the Giants.

There are so many candidates for the various jobs that each of them cut loses and in the start, and when the afternoon practice hegan yesterday their arms are just as good. With all this array of talent fighting for their jobs, Harry may be a strong rivals, but Heller and Cocash are just as good. With all this array of talent fighting for their jobs, Harry may be a strong rivals, but Heller and Cocash are just as good. With all this array of talent fighting for their jobs, Harry may be a strong rivals, but heller and Cocash are just as good and hardly wait to don that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can that each of the infielders carry a can that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that each of the infielders carry a can the start of the combon that is the start of the combon that is another slugger. Simmons hit well over any of talent fighting for their jobs, Harry good ones. Agent was the annual champles of talent fighting for their jobs, Harry good ones. Agent was the annual champles of talent fighting for the combon that the combon that is another slugger. Simmons hit well over any of talent fighting for their jobs, Harry good ones. Agent was the annual champles of talent fighting for the park, several strings are getting work.

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Over Quaker Club

THE biggest baseball upheaval of of the National League Club of that METROPOLITANOPERA HOUSE of the National League Club of that city will pass from A. B. Potter and his associates into the hands of three of the best known politicians in the Quaker City and Billy Murray, the ex-Jersey City manager, who has been the boss of the Phillies on the playing field for the past two seasons.

"Alt the stock held by the men forming the Philadelpha Baseball Club at the close of the season just past has been bought up to be turned over to McNichol & Durham, except the comparatively few shares owned by Mr. Shetteline and those held by Manager Murray, who recently took over the Dreyfuss hodlings, supposed to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

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Sweep in Basketball and for the first ten minutes of play had the lead. Then Columbia woke up and scored goals in such rapid succession that at the end of the half the score was 18 to 6 in their favor. The second half was slow, both team's seem-

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LOCAL TRACKS BEGIN TO STIR IN PREPARATION FOR RACING

nad an easy time with practically all of their opponents. Many Horses Being Worked Daily at the Sheepshead Bay Course.

BY VINCENT TREANOR. A LTHOUGH no authoritative announcements on the future of local racing have been made, Many Recruits Are Sore.

Schaefer Looks State of from the preparations for the early spring meet-look from the preparations for the early spring meet-look from the look f preparations for the early spring meetspeed clutch was thrown wide open on the jump, and it is difficult to tell a lot of them from the rheumatic patients who hobble about the corridors of the hotel. Just because a young fellow is walking about on a stick or crutch in this tarm is a little sore now, his fielding is little short of marvellous. His strongest rival now is Fletcher, the phenomenal infielder, purchased from Dallas last fail. He is a second Hans walking about on a stick or crutch in this town does not necessarily mean that life. Bay as many as seventy-five horses are

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